



**VOLUNTEER IN PARKS PROGRAM  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST DISTRICT**

**William Randolph Hearst Memorial Beach  
Coastal Discovery Center  
Coastal Discovery Center Volunteer**

**Duty Statement**

- Title:** Coastal Discovery Center Volunteer
- Purpose:** Education and interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of the California State Parks and the NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
- Duties:** Volunteers are an integral part of the interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of the California State Parks and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Through educating the public, Volunteers add a depth of understanding and appreciation for the area, as well as instill a sense of respect and stewardship for the protected areas on and at sea. Volunteers must feel at ease in working with the public and possess knowledge of exhibit content, local area knowledge, inter-agency knowledge and emergency protocol. Responsibilities include; interpreting exhibits at the Coastal Discovery Center, presenting interpretive walks and talks to the public and to school groups, directing the public to nearby points of interest, staffing the Coastal Discovery Center table at public events and supporting other partnering agencies involved in resource education and protection. Additional volunteer opportunities may be available in exhibit and program development and maintenance.

**Skills/**

**Qualifications:** Volunteers are representatives of California State Parks and the NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Volunteers must maintain a professional appearance and attitude. Volunteers must be friendly, courteous and possess good communication skills. They must be punctual, dependable, and possess a willingness to learn and share accurate knowledge of the California State Park and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary resources with visitors. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be able to take and follow instructions and directions from the Sanctuary Program Representative. Volunteers must possess the ability to work at least two 3.5-hour shifts monthly, should be able to lift up to 15 pounds and walk to the pier and back to the Discovery Center (2,000 feet). Volunteers should be able to work in potentially slippery and wet environments. In addition, volunteers may be asked to assist with visiting school groups and education and outreach programs.

**Reports to:** Sanctuary Program Representative.

**Training:** Volunteers must successfully complete a 25 hour training program covering local natural history, cultural history, Coastal Discovery Center exhibits, an overview of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the California State Parks, inter-agency partnerships and California State Parks safety training. Training will consist of three full Saturdays. In addition, volunteers are expected to orient themselves to the Hearst Castle® Experience Tour (Tour 1 and the companion movie, "Hearst Castle - Building the Dream") and visit the Piedras Blancas Light Station. Complimentary passes will be provided. Volunteers will be assigned a mentor for the first two months of duty at the Coastal Discovery Center. Volunteers need to possess an email account.

**Commitment:** In addition to completing the training program, Volunteers will be expected to commit two 3.5-hour blocks of time per month for a period of one year. Coastal Discovery Center hours and shifts fluctuate with the seasons.

**Benefits:**

- Complimentary passes to Hearst Castle® and yearly District Day Use Passes while fulfilling required minimum of 8 hrs/month in the Volunteer Program.
- Knowledge of the natural and cultural history of the area.
- Continued enrichment trainings and field trips.
- The opportunity to become involved in science-based monitoring projects through the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and its partnering agencies.
- The opportunity to make new friends while enriching and enhancing the experience of park visitors from the world over!

**For more**

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